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In re application of

Docket No: Q62904

Yuichi ASAMI, et al.

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For: GAME MACHINE, GAME MUSIC OUTPUT METHOD, INFORMATION STORAGE
☐ MEDIUM, GAME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION DEVICE, AND GAME PROGRAM
☐ DISTRIBUTION METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations pertaining to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-029841:

A listing of the seven references and a partial English language translation is provided of the Notice of Rejection for the above referenced Patent Application, including a discussion of the manner in which citations 1-7 are applied against claims 1-24. In addition, an English abstract of foreign language documents are being submitted herewith. All of these documents were cited in an Office Action by a foreign Patent Office with respect to a corresponding application, not more than three months earlier than the present date. Accordingly no concise explanation for such foreign language documents is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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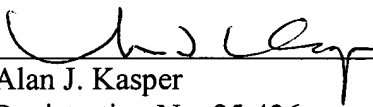
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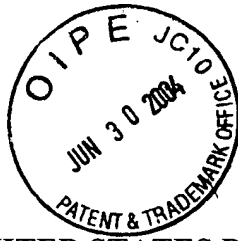
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